

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: October 15, 1951

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
(Interviews of Subjects  
of Security Investigations)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

*of Individuals - Dept.*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## PURPOSE

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## DETAILS

The following is a recapitulation of pertinent information appearing in memoranda prepared as a result of the interviews. Those figures appearing in the left column represent persons interviewed and recorded at the Bureau as of September 1, 1951, which was the date for which the last memorandum was prepared concerning this matter. Those figures appearing in the second column set forth the result of interviews recorded at the Bureau from September 1, 1951, to October 1, 1951. The last column represents the total number of interviews recorded at the Bureau as of the latter date:

	as of 9-1-51	From 9-1-51 to 10-1-51	Total to Date
Number of Persons Interviewed:	872	146	1018
Those Who Appeared Cooperative:	604	108	712
Those Who Appeared Uncooperative or Hostile:	268	38	306
Those Who Denied Communist Party Membership or Association, Past or Present:	219	43	262
Those Who Admitted Their Own Communist Association:			

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	<u>As of</u> <u>9-1-51</u>	<u>From</u> <u>9-1-51</u> <u>to</u> <u>10-1-51</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>to</u> <u>Date</u>
Those Who Furnished Information Regarding Others in the Communist Movement:	409	67	476
Those Who Indicated that They Still Believe in the Communist Movement:	57	6	63
Interviews Which Were Completely Negative:	195	32	227

The following tabulation has been prepared showing the result of efforts on the part of the Field to develop confidential sources among persons thus far contacted:

Persons interviewed who have been utilized as sources of information and confidential informants: 116

Persons interviewed who were or are being recontacted in an effort to develop them as sources of information or who are being reactivated into the Communist movement as confidential informants: 138

By way of observation it is significant to note that 70% of the persons contacted appeared to be cooperative. Approximately 63% admitted their own Communist association and 47% of those interviewed furnished information regarding others in the Communist movement. Only 6% indicated that they still believe in the Communist movement. 22% of the interviews conducted were completely negative.

It is noted that the majority of the persons contacted did not appear to be in a position to act as sources of information or are not considered potential confidential informant material.

DIRECTOR FBI

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REGISTRATION TAGS ON CARS OWNED  
BY COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS,  
Request to Maintain Separate  
Index On.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

SECURITY INDEX - GENERAL

Bureau authority is requested to maintain a separate index on registration tags (and automobiles) owned and operated by Communist Party members in the New England area. The proposed index would be maintained in two sections: 1. By registration number with identifying information appearing on this index card as to the owner, his address, and the make of car he owns;

- 2. Alphabetical listing of C.P. members followed by their address and the registration number of the cars they own or operate.

The purpose of this index is to facilitate the ease of checking registration tags in the event they are needed, particularly during surveillance. Such an index would not be cumbersome and would be maintained in a box similar to the roadwork box or the informant index box. This could be readily removed to the Radio Room in the event of a surveillance, to assist the surveilling Agents when they find it necessary to make a radio inquiry as to the owner or operator of a car upon a surveillance scene unexpectedly and which might be a Communist Party. The task of maintaining such indices is a formidable one in this area. The great number of Massachusetts registration numbers. The information received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles from year to year in the future. For the purpose of the index, it would be only necessary to check with the Registry to make sure that the registration tag has not been transferred to a new owner.

This index, if approved, will be governed by the same security regulations within the Boston Office as apply to Security Index cards and the Informant files.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 4, 1951

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

*OF INDIVIDUALS - GEN'L*

- To: Tolson
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- Glavin
- Tracy
- Harbo
- Belmont
- Kohn
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	as of 11-1-51	From 11-1-51 to 12-1-51	Total as of 12-1-51
Number of Persons Interviewed:	1165	281	1446 ✓
Those Who Appeared Cooperative:	825	208	1033 —
Those Who Appeared Uncooperative or Hostile:	340	73	413
Those Who Denied Communist Party Membership or Association, Past or Present:	320	196	416
Those Who Admitted Their Own Communist Association:	717	160	877

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	as of 11-1-51	From 11-1-51 To 12-1-51	Total as of 12-1-51
Those Who Furnished Information Regarding Others in the Communist Movement:	537	105	642
Those Who Indicated That They Still Believe in the Communist Movement:	68	5	73
Interviews Which Were Completely Negative:	275	77	352

The following tabulation has been prepared showing the result of efforts on the part of the Field to develop confidential sources among persons thus far contacted:

Persons interviewed who have been utilized as sources of information and confidential informants: 152

Persons interviewed who were or are being recontacted in an effort to develop them as sources of information or who are being reactivated into the Communist movement as confidential informants: 177

By way of observation it is significant to note that 71% of the persons contacted appeared to be cooperative. Approximately 61% admitted their own Communist association and 44% of those interviewed furnished information regarding others in the Communist movement. Only 5% indicated that they still believe in the Communist movement. 24% of the interviews conducted were completely negative.

It is noted that the majority of the persons contacted did not appear to be in a position to act as sources of information or are not considered potential confidential informant material.